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MAY

METROPOLIS.

POP'S DINER

GET YA WEE BUTT OUTTA BED, TURTLE-BABY!

REMEMBER, SLOW AND STEADY WINS THE RACE!

IF YOU'RE LATE AGAIN, LOIS WON'T BE HAPPY!

RAP RAP RAP

THIS IS PROBABLY HER NOW! YELLING ABOUT HOW SHE NEEDS FRONT-PAGE ART!

GOOD MORNING.

OR IS IT...

...TOP A' THE MORNING TA YA?

IT'S TOO EARLY FOR THAT, YA *CREEP.*

YOU PICKED THE WRONG HOUSE TO MESS WITH! NOW WHY DON'T YOU GET OUTTA HERE BEFORE I...

...SCREAM.

TA TA TA, SILVER BANSHEE.

I'M TURNING... BACK...

HOW...?

KRYPTONITE HAS AN IMPACT ON SUPERMAN, YES? BUT I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT IT DOES TO OTHERS WITH INHUMAN POWERS WHEN THE RADIATION IS AMPLIFIED...

...AND COMBINED.

WHO...ARE... YOU...?

WHAT... DO YOU WANT...?

THIS IS MORE ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT, MY DEAR SIOBHAN.

I KNOW YOU WISHED TO LEAVE YOUR PAST BEHIND YOU.

TO LEAD A NORMAL LIFE.

NOW, WHILE I BELIEVE NORMAL IS OVERRATED... I CAN HELP YOU.

IF YOU FOLLOW MY EVERY ORDER, I WILL GIVE YOU WHAT YOU DESIRE...

...OR I WILL KILL EVERYONE YOU LOVE...

The last son of a dying world, Kal-El came to Earth with powers and abilities beyond those of mortal humans. He was found and raised by a kindly couple in Smallville, Kansas, and imbued with the values of truth and justice by his adoptive parents. Now serving as a reporter for a major metropolitan newspaper, Clark Kent takes to the skies to use his gifts for the betterment of the world as...

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The City of Tomorrow is under siege from nefarious forces linked to Lex Luthor's past. A citywide invasion by a mutation of the villain known as **PARASITE** has left Superman on the defensive, forced to work alongside his most ruthless enemy to get to the bottom of these attacks. All while Lex himself sits safely behind bars...

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STRYKER'S ISLAND PENITENTIARY.

THIS PLACE AIN'T SO BAD, BOYS!

LUCKY WE AIN'T AT *BLACKGATE.* THOSE GOTHAM PEOPLE TAKE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT TO ANOTHER LEVEL.

STRYKER'S IS LIKE A DAY AT THE *SPA.*

BUT WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM A PLACE THAT HOLDS *SUPERMAN'S* ENEMIES? *HA!*

STRYKER'S

THAT'S 'CAUSE SUPERMAN *SUCKS.*

DAMN BOY SCOUT, DUDE.

SUPERMAN COULD BE KILLING FOOLS *ALL DAY AND NIGHT,* HAVE THE WHOLE WORLD UNDER HIS THUMB IN LIKE A WEEK, BUT WHAT DOES HE DO...?

HELP PEOPLE. PFFTTTT.

BUT YOU KNOW WHO *IS* BADASS? WHO GIVES SUPERMAN A REAL RUN FOR HIS *MONEY...?*

BATMAN.

GOT ALL THE COOL TOYS. ONLY WORKS AT *NIGHT.*

DRESSED ALL IN BLACK.

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AND I GOT TWO WORDS FOR YOU...

CAT. WOMAN.

BATMAN CAN *KICK* SUPERMAN'S ASS ANY DAY OF THE WEEK!

HAHAHA!

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HAHA!

HOW DID YOU KNOW HE WAS ALLERGIC TO PEANUTS?

ACORNS TECHNICALLY DON'T HAVE THE ALLERGEN THAT LEADS TO ANAPHYLAXIS.

HE ALMOST *DIED*, LUTHOR.

HE WAS... RUDE.

I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO PROVE YOU HAD CHANGED?

YOU REALLY THINK I'M GOING TO GET *TIME REDUCED* FOR *GOOD BEHAVIOR?*

ALL THAT MATTERS TO THE WORLD NOW...

...IS OUR ALLIANCE.

MY WORK WITH *YOU* AND OUR *SUPERCORP.*

YOUR ABILITIES AND MY MIND. WE'VE BEEN *UNSTOPPABLE.*

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THINK OF THE *GOOD* WE'VE ALREADY DONE TOGETHER THESE LAST FEW WEEKS...

"BROKERED PEACE BETWEEN TWO KINGDOMS THAT HAD BEEN AT WAR FOR CENTURIES.

"WE FOUND THE LOST *SWORD OF IMPERIEX!*

"SOLVED A HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD ALIEN MURDER MYSTERY.

"WE HAVE HELPED THE WORLD ON SCALES *BIG* AND *SMALL.*"

WHY CAN'T YOU ADMIT THAT THIS IS *WORKING?*

BECAUSE YOU ARE *NOT* LIVING UP TO YOUR END OF THE DEAL.

YOU'RE STILL WITHHOLDING INFORMATION ON THESE SUPPOSED ENEMIES OF YOURS.

DR. PHARM AND *GRAFT.*

YOU'RE NOT READY.

THEY DID SOMETHING TO PARASITE.

"MERCY AND SUPERCORP DID SCANS OF HIS BODY, AND HE HAD *HEAVY* TRACES OF *KRYPTONITE* RADIATION INSIDE OF HIM.

"IF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS TRUE, THEN PHARM AND GRAFT FORCED A CHANGE TO THE MAKEUP OF HIS DNA. ALTERED WHAT WAS ALREADY DONE TO HIM.

THAT'S DANGEROUS, LUTHOR.

VERY DANGEROUS. THEY SEEM FOCUSED ON METROPOLIS, BUT WHAT IF THIS IS A TEST RUN FOR SOMETHING *BIGGER?* WE NEED TO FIND THEM *NOW.*

YOU CLAIM YOU WANT US TO WORK TOGETHER?

THEN YOU NEED TO TELL ME WHAT I'M *REALLY* UP AGAINST.

ONLY A SMALL HANDFUL KNOW THIS STORY.

WHILE YOU WERE STILL PINING OVER CHEERLEADERS IN SMALLVILLE...

"...I TOOK MY GENIUS TO THE *CITY OF TOMORROW.*

"FULL OF HOPE, HEART, AND *PLANS.*

ONE WAY

DONT WALK

"MY FAITH IN HUMANITY TEETERED ON THE EDGE BUT HAD NOT COMPLETELY FALLEN YET.

DOWNTOWN

"I WAS... IDEALISTIC.

"MY SCIENCE, LIKE MY MIND, HAD OUTGROWN THE FARM COUNTRY AND DEMANDED *I HELP THE WORLD.*

"I ADMIT I ARRIVED WITH A CHIP ON MY SHOULDER.

"SOMETHING TO *PROVE.*

"AND ON MY FIRST DAY HERE I NOTICED SOMETHING.

HUNGRY PLEASE HELP

"BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT I DO, SUPERMAN.

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MISSING

HOMELESS OFF STREETS

"I SEE THINGS THAT OTHERS *CAN'T.* AND I WITNESSED..."

"...A *PATTERN.* "HUNDREDS OF CITIZENS TAKEN OFF THE STREETS.

"THE INEPT POLICE OF METROPOLIS THOUGHT THEY COULD USE *MIGHT* TO REVEAL THE CULPRITS...

"...WHILE I USED MY SCIENTIFIC BRILLIANCE TO UNCOVER THE MISDEEDS AT PLAY AND TRACK DOWN THOSE WHO STOLE FROM THE STREETS."

WE OFFER YOU FOOD.

SAFETY.

"IF METROPOLIS WAS TO BE MY NEW HOME, I COULDN'T STAND FOR INJUSTICE..."

YOU CAN *TRUST* US.

MY ASSOCIATE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOME EXPERIMENTS...

IT'S MISCREANTS LIKE *YOU...*

...THAT GIVE SCIENCE A BAD NAME!

NOW IF YOU'RE *TRULY* SMART YOU'LL *SURRENDER* WITHOUT THE NEED FOR FISTICUFFS.

PHARMHANDS!

RESTRAIN HIM, BUT DON'T *HURT* HIM.

WE WANT THIS BOY GENIUS'S MIND INTACT!

"THIS WAS MERELY MY *FIRST* ENCOUNTER WITH THE TWO MEN KNOWN AS DR. PHARM AND MR. GRAFT."

"THE FIRST OF MANY SUCH BATTLES!"

BROTHER, GO.

"PHARM WAS A DEADLY SCIENTIST, AND GRAFT WAS HIS BROTHER AND ASSISTANT, BUT EQUALLY DEMENTED.

"THEY WERE EXPERIMENTING ON *PEOPLE.*

"THEY WANTED TO USE THEIR MINDS, NOT TO BETTER THE WORLD, BUT TO *HURT IT.*"

DON'T WORRY, CITIZENS. MY TECHNOLOGY WILL *FREE YOU.*

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"I LEARNED LATER THAT THIS WAS ONLY *ONE* OF THE LABS THEY HID IN METROPOLIS."

PLEASE HURRY.

WE CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO BE CAUGHT BEFORE YOU'RE DONE WITH YOUR *RESEARCH...*

"IT WAS CLEAR TO ME THEN THAT METROPOLIS WAS IN NEED OF A *HERO.*

"AND IT WOULD BE *ME.*"

YOU'RE LYING.

I'M CERTAINLY *NOT.*

ARE YOU SO STUBBORN THAT YOU BELIEVE *YOU* ARE THE ONLY HERO METROPOLIS HAS EVER HAD?!

IS IT SO IMPOSSIBLE THAT I CLEANED THESE STREETS LONG BEFORE *YOU?*

YOU BELIEVE EVERY WORD YOU *SAID.*

BUT I KNOW YOU, AND IT'S ABOUT WHAT YOU *DIDN'T* SAY.

YOU'RE AVOIDING SOMETHING.

YOU NEED TO BE TRUTHFUL IF YOU WANT THIS PARTNERSHIP TO WORK.

WHEN THIS ALL STARTED, YOU SAID YOU WANTED HELP WITH YOUR ENEMIES...

YOU ARE THE ONE THAT NEEDS *MY* HELP, SUPERMAN.

THEN *HELP* ME. TELL ME WHERE THIS *LAB* WAS...

"...AND I'LL START TO BELIEVE YOU..."

WHERE YOU GO NOW IS *DANGEROUS,* SUPERMAN.

METROPOLIS IS THE CITY OF TOMORROW...

...BUT ONLY BECAUSE IT HAS ABANDONED ITS *PAST.*

YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE ANYONE HAS EXPLORED THOSE TUNNELS.

METROPOLIS HAS BEEN DESTROYED SO MANY TIMES...

...IT'S LIKE THIS AREA HAS BECOME A KIND OF GRAVEYARD OF THE *RUINS.*

THE PERFECT PLACE FOR SOMEONE...

...TO HIDE...

AT LEAST YOU WEREN'T LYING ABOUT THE LAB.

SATISFIED?

I HIGHLY DOUBT GRAFT AND PHARM WILL HAVE RETURNED TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME.

THEY ARE *TOO SMART* FOR THAT.

LEX...IF YOU DEFEATED THEM *LONG* BEFORE I CAME TO METROPOLIS...

...HOW DO THEY HAVE DESIGNS FOR A *PHANTOM ZONE PROJECTOR?*

[G.R.F.-RE-EL-5.205] PHANTOM ZONE PROJECTOR

PHANTOM ZONE...?

AFTER PARASITE, THEY MUST HAVE KNOWN YOU'D ASK ME ABOUT THEM, AND I'D TELL YOU ABOUT OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER...

...OH NO...

SUPERMAN, IT'S A *TRAP!*

GET OUT OF THERE!

THEY USED THE PHANTOM ZONE ON *ME,* SUPERMAN...

I'M SORRY...

...BUT THEY'VE GIVEN ME NO CHOICE.

SILVER BANSHEE, STAY CALM.

ATTACK *NOW.*

LAST I HEARD YOU WERE ON PAROLE...

IF PHARM AND GRAFT EXPERIMENTED ON PARASITE...

...THERE IS NO TELLING WHAT THEY HAVE DONE TO *HER.*

SCCCREEEE!

DAILY

NOTHING IN THE DIGITAL ARCHIVES. DON'T TELL ME I HAVE TO VISIT THE OLD, DUSTY ONES...

SORRY I'M LATE, MS. LANE! SLEPT IN!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING OUT HERE?

ARE YOU AVOIDING WORK *AGAIN?*

THE REPORTERS UP THERE ARE ***SOFT,*** AND I NEED TO GET MY CAFFEINE FIX BEFORE SOMEONE PITCHES ME ANOTHER FEATURE ABOUT SOMETHING THEY READ ON THE INTERNET.

JIMMY, YOUR FAMILY HAS A LONG HISTORY WITH METROPOLIS, YEAH?

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THE NAME...

...MARILYN MOONLIGHT?

OH SURE!

THAT'S A CLASSIC. MY DAD USED TO TELL ME THAT STORY ALL THE TIME.

THE LEGEND OF

MARILYN MOONLIGHT!

SAVE THE THEATRICS FOR YOUR GIRLFRIEND, JIMMY.

OKAY, SO GET THIS...BACK IN THE OLD WEST OF METROPOLIS...

SCREE

SUPERMAN?!

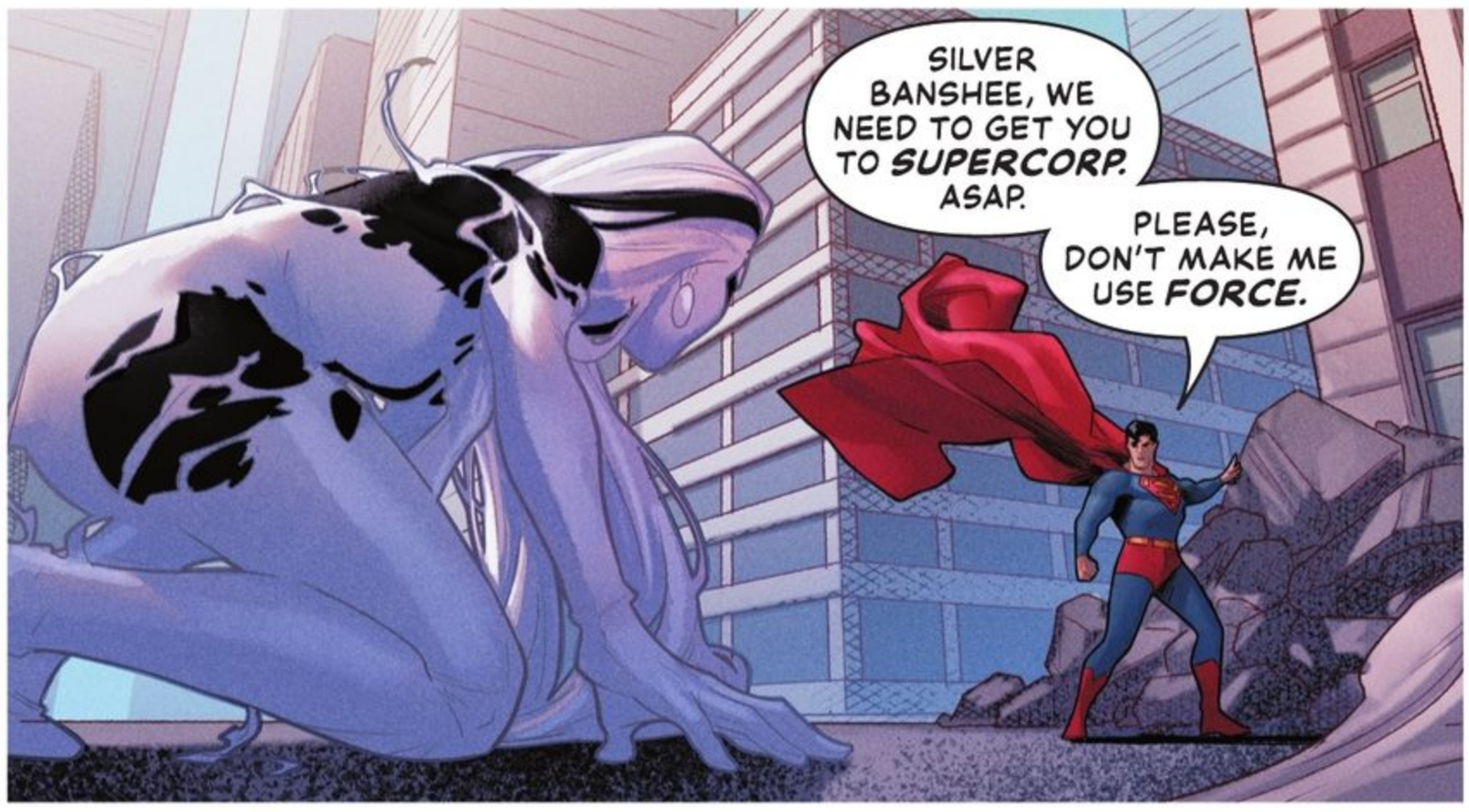
SILVER BANSHEE?!

HUFFFFF...

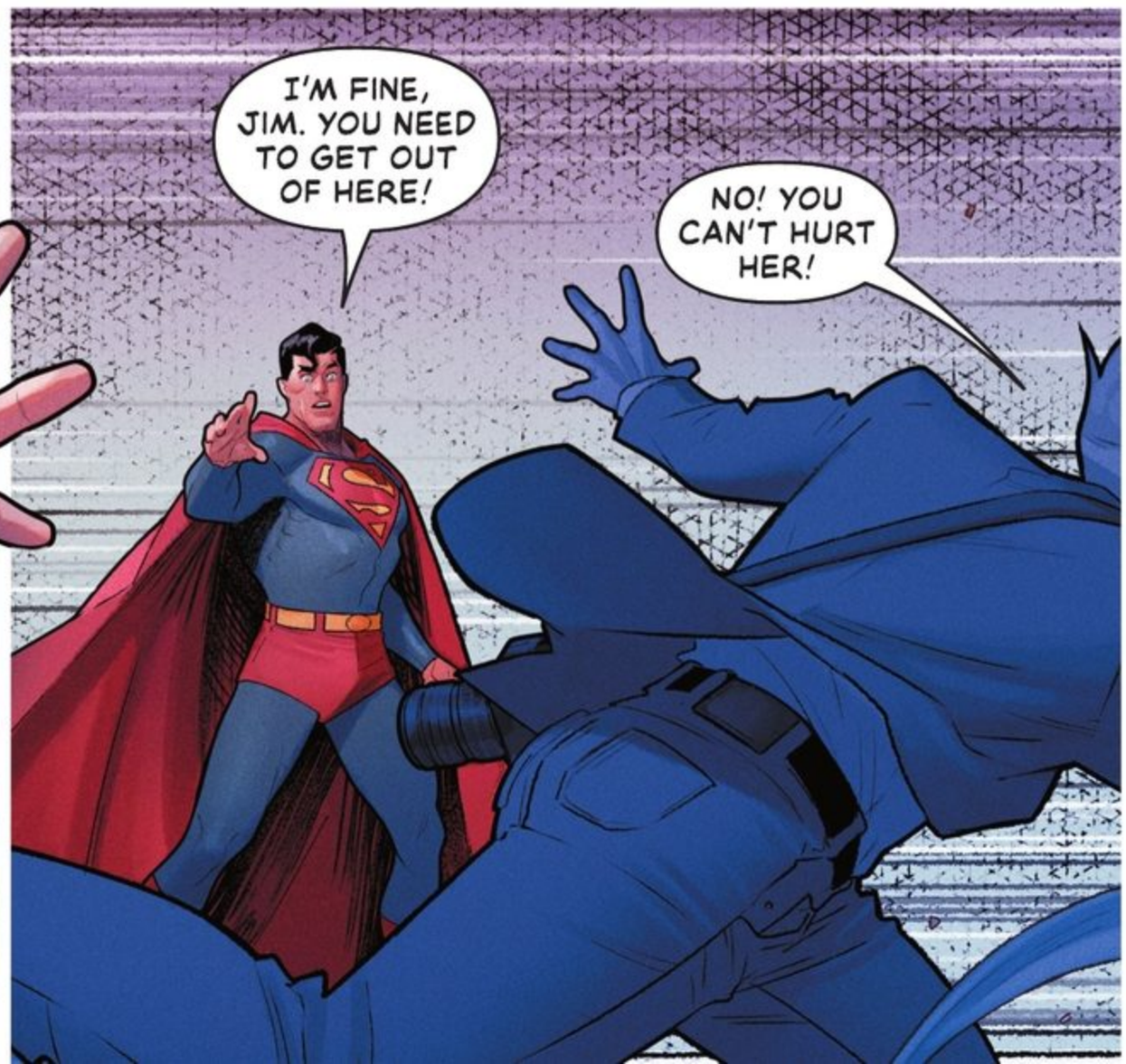
ZAP

NICE WORK, JUST ENOUGH WARMTH TO ELIMINATE THE AIR IN HER LUNGS SO SHE CAN'T SCREAM.

YOU'RE LEARNING.
UNFORTUNATELY.


SILVER BANSHEE, WE NEED TO GET YOU TO SUPERCORP. ASAP.
PLEASE, DON'T MAKE ME USE FORCE.

SUPERMAN, STOP!


I'M FINE, JIM. YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE!
NO! YOU CAN'T HURT HER!

I LOVE HER!

GUH, WHAT NOW?
To be continued in
"So I fell in love with a Super-Villain!"

MAD

AL JAFFEE

1921-2023

Photo credit: Will Mayo

DC and MAD Magazine mourn the loss of the incomparable Al Jaffee, creator of the MAD Fold-In, Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions, and many other MAD features throughout the decades. A humble and kind creator, Al's presence, his astute social commentary, and his endless amusement at life's ups and downs shaped the fabric of the magazine.

"Al Jaffee was an incredibly gifted man who touched our hearts and never failed to make us laugh," said Jim Lee, chief creative officer and publisher of DC. "He garnered the highest accolades and praise in the world of illustrations and comics."

Al was named the Reuben Awards' Outstanding Cartoonist of the Year in 2008 and was inducted into the Will Eisner Hall of Fame in 2013 and the Society of Illustrators' Hall of Fame in 2014. He holds the Guinness World Record for the longest career as a comics artist, beginning with his first publication in joker comics in 1942 and continuing through his time at MAD until his retirement in 2020.

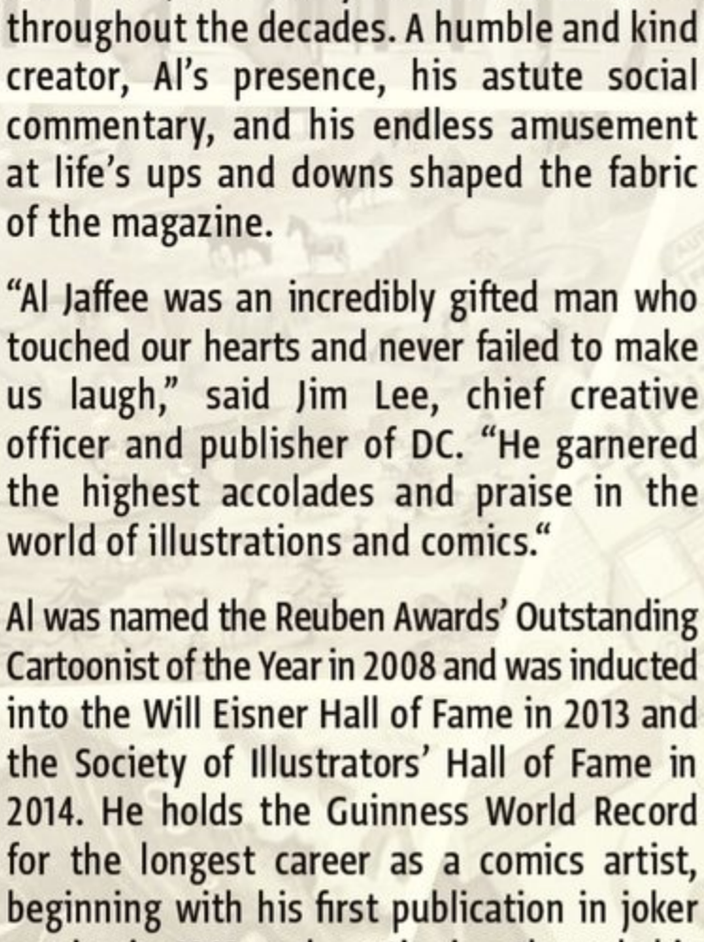
"Al was, at heart, a rascal," said John Ficarra, former MAD editor-in-chief, who worked with Al for over 35 years. "He always had a playful twinkle in his eye and brought that sensibility to everything he created."

"It was an event when Al would visit the MAD offices to drop off a Fold-In," said former MAD art director Sam Viviano. "The entire staff would gather for an hour just to listen to him talk about his amazing life and career."

"Al embodied the true spirit of MAD, and so many humorists, cartoonists, and creatives will find inspiration in his work for generations to come," said Suzy Hutchinson, MAD Magazine art director. "He was a national treasure, and it was an honor to work with and learn from such an ingenious, caring, and wholly creative soul, the best of the Original Gang of Idiots."

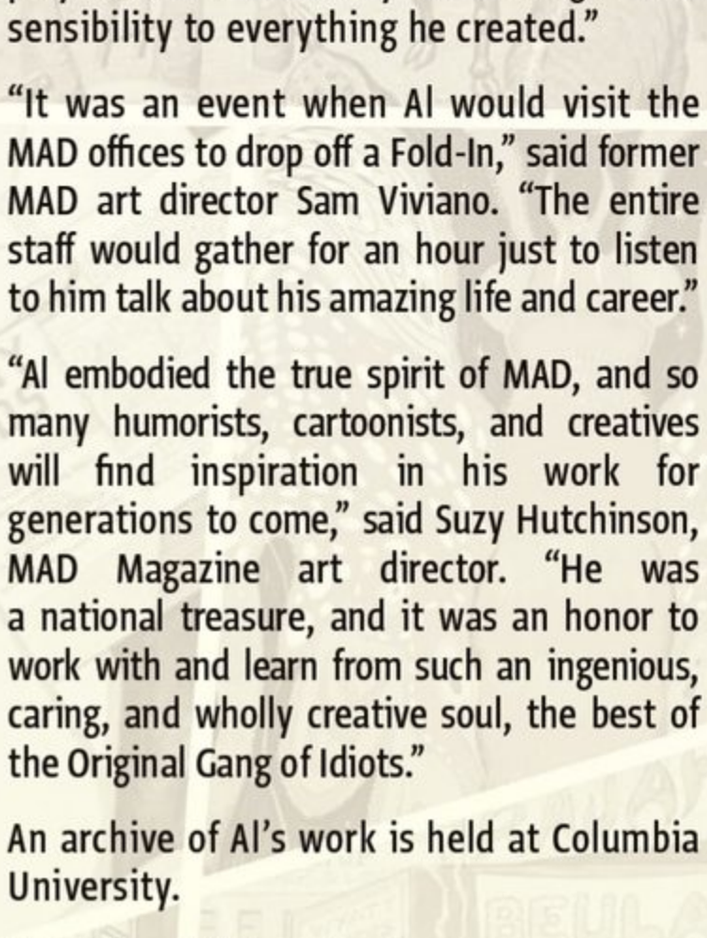
An archive of Al's work is held at Columbia University.

He will be MADly missed.



Al's first MAD Fold-In, from MAD #86, April 1964

Al's iconic signature



Al's last MAD Fold-In, from MAD #14, August 2020

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TITANS

With the Justice League still disbanded following the events of *Dark Crisis on Infinite Earths*, there's a new premier super-team in the DC Universe: the Titans! The classic lineup of Nightwing, Starfire, Cyborg, Raven, Beast Boy, Donna Troy, and the Flash headline the new Titans series from the superstar duo of *Nightwing* writer Tom Taylor and former *Wonder Woman* artist Nicola Scott, debuting as part of DC's yearlong Dawn of DC storytelling initiative.

Naturally, as soon as *Titans* was announced, fans were eager to see what Taylor had planned and how these fan-favorite characters would look illustrated by Scott—and we've got you covered. Check out this exclusive look inside May's *Titans* #1 and peek at Scott's character designs for the series!

DON'T MISS *TITANS* #1, ON SALE IN MAY!

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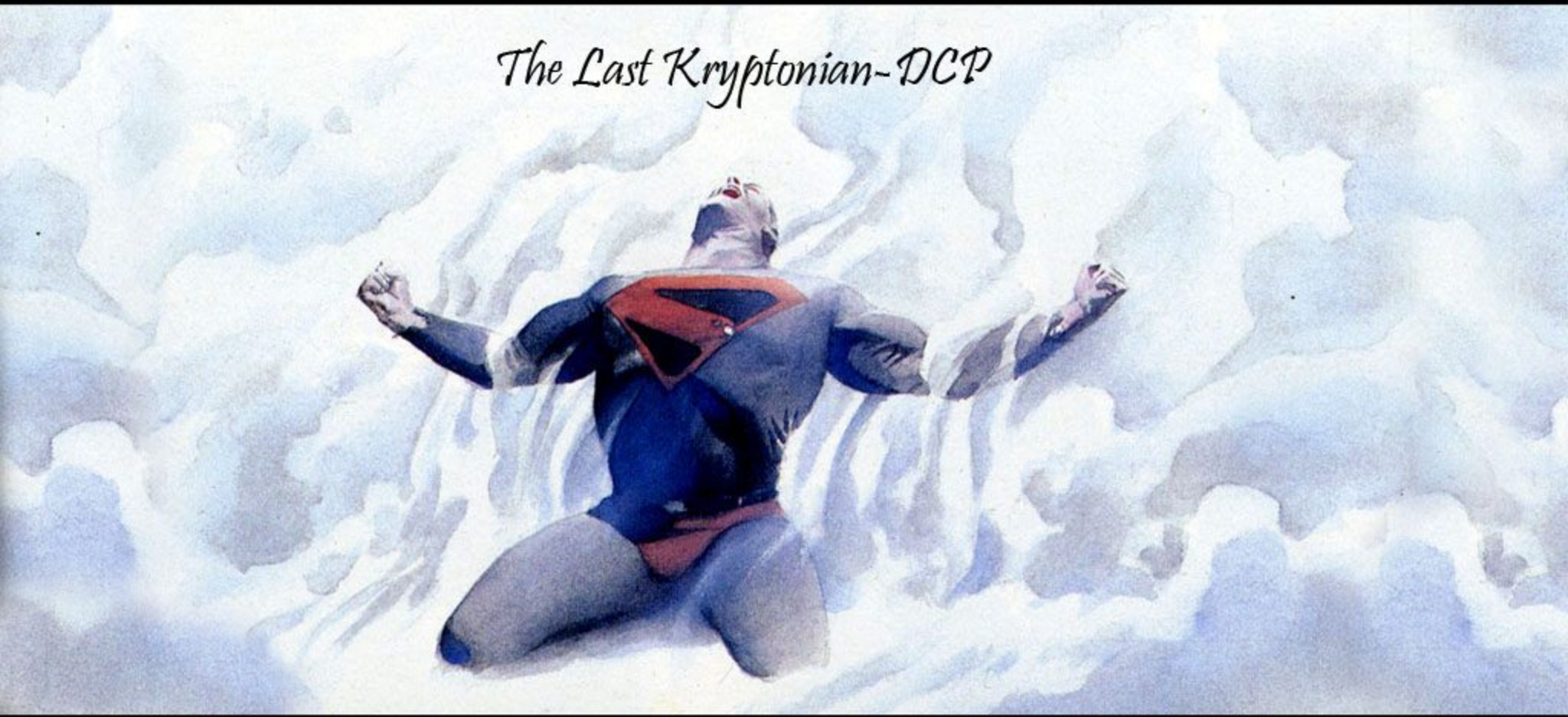
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